

Congressman Rothman Announces Millions in Federal Dollars for New Jersey Weatherization and Energy Efficiency

(Washington, DC) — Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D — Fair Lawn), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced \$192.4 million in funding for New Jersey's Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program received through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"This Recovery Act funding will assist low-income families in reducing their energy costs and will help New Jersey businesses become more energy efficient," said Rothman. "This is an important investment in energy independence for America, finding sources of clean energy and creating jobs."

The funding for New Jersey includes \$118.8 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program and \$73.6 million for the State Energy Program. This is part of a nationwide investment announced today by the White House of nearly \$8 billion under the Recovery Act.

The Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program allows low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient, reducing heating bills by an average of 32% and overall energy bills by hundreds of dollars per year. The Program will also allow an average investment of up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency upgrades. The funding will support weatherization of homes, including adding more insulation, sealing leaks and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment, which will pay for itself many times over.

The State Energy Program funding will be available for rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy saving improvements; development of renewable energy projects for clean electricity generation and alternative fuels; promotion of Energy Star products; and efficiency upgrades for state and local government buildings.

For New Jersey specific
information on the Recovery Act and to apply, please visit <http://recovery.nj.gov>.

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